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STATE & FEDERAL REGULATIONS AND FUNDING UPDATE

DWAG State and Federal Regulations and Funding Update

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Agenda

- Federal Regulations Update
 - LCRR/LCRI
 - CCR
- Public Water System Fee Rule
- ODW Funding Update

State and Federal Regulations



Lead and Copper Rule Improvement (LCRI)

ODW evaluating rule and developing work plan for adoption and implementation.

Plan to open state rule after PFAS rule updates are complete

Other Legal Challenges with LCRR/LCRI

AWWA filed legal challenge against LCRI.
Concerns:

- Cost,
- Access to privately owned service lines, and
- 10 Year Replacement deadline

EPA must response to brief June 20th.

Pending Joint Resolution in Congress to
remove LCRI

Detected Compounds	Date Tested	Unit	MCL-Action Level	MCLG	Highest Detected Level	Range	Major Source and Factors
Inorganic Contaminants							
Copper	6/29/21	ppm	1.3	1.3	0.182	0.02 - 0.182	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
Lead	6/29/21	ppb	15	0	.0037	0.0-.0037	Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Fluoride	2023 Monthly	ppm	4.0	4.0	0.88	0.49- 0.88	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, promotes strong teeth
Disinfectant							
Chlorine	2023 Bi-Monthly	ppm	4.0	4.0	1.42	0.53-1.39	Water additive used to control microbes. The average level leaving the Water Filtration Plant was 1.28 ppm. Distribution system average was 1.18ppm.
Volatile Organic Contaminants							
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs)	Quarterly 2023	ppb	80	NA	13.46	8.33-13.46	Disinfection byproduct formed by reaction of chlorine with organic material in water.
	Quarterly						

Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) Rule

ODW will adopt this rule along with the LCRI



Public Water System Fees WAC 246-290-900

Announced Intent of Rule Making April 1, 2024

We've completed a time study and will be proposing new rule language soon

State and Federal Funding

ODW Previous Funding

General Fund State

Fee Accounts

Federal Funds

PWSS

SRF/BIL

4% Admin & Technical Assistance	2% Small System Technical Assistance	10% Program Management	10 of 15% Capacity Development	5 of 15% Source Water Protection
Administration & Oversight of DWSRF Loan Program	Provide TA to systems serving less than 10,000 people	Develop and implement of, capacity development, operator certification and source water protection programs.	Cost and Services consistent with Capacity Development Strategy	Supports Source Water Protection Activities
Provide Technical Assistance to Water System	Support system's TMF to ensure DSWRF loan eligibility		Need to develop or enhance system TMF	Provide loans and grants to source water protection measures
Fund staff, SCI & RCAC contracts, WALT, & DWSRF Audit	Provide In-Kind Engineering Services to water systems as directed by ODW	Staffing – For Program Administration, Cap Dev & Policy, IT, & Regions; scanning team	Funds Sanitary Survey staff and LJH, coliform TA, engineering staff; additional TA contacts	Source Water Protection Staff, SWAP, Grants

SRF Set Asides

Other Smaller Funding Sources

- 1.FPHS – GFS
- 2.Alternative Water Funding - GFS
- 3.Nitrate Mitigation Plan - MTCA
- 4.Wellhead Protection - Clean Water 106 Grant
- 5.WIIN Grants
 - a. ECSDC
 - b. SUDC

ODW Funding 25 – 27 Biennium

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State Funding Challenges

No General Fund State support

Fees are not covering costs

Need statewide utility funding coordination

Federal Funding Challenges

PWSS Grant: history of stagnant funding & proposed to cut complete

SRF:

- Trump proposed to reduce funding due to redundancy with WIFA
- Congressionally Direct Spending (Earmarks)

Questions

